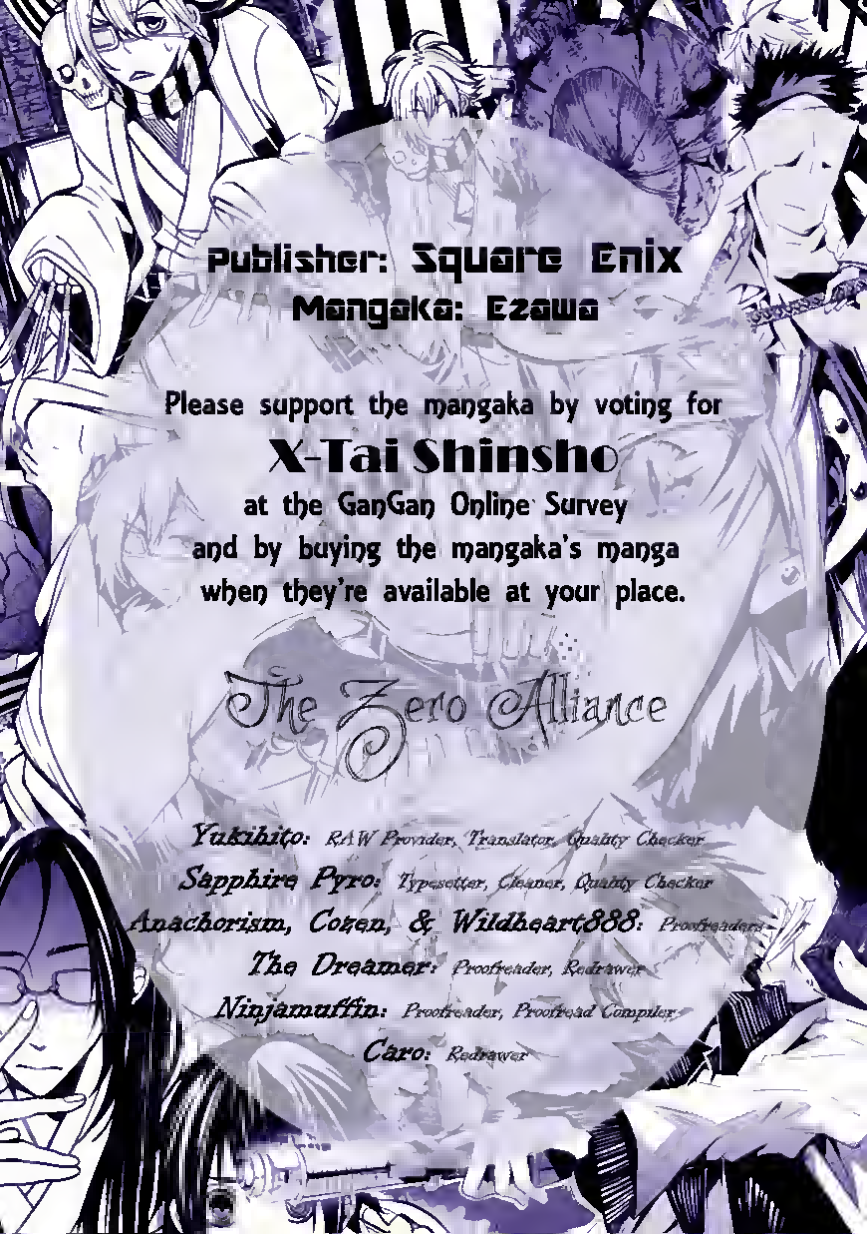
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WHO ON EARTH IS THIS "DIVINE DOCTOR" THAT CAN CURE ANY ILLNESS...?
I'LL GIVE YOU THE ABILITY TO CURE ANY ILLNESS.
HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T CURE SOMEONE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT...
NOW I'M THE "DIVINE DOCTOR"...?!
NOW...
DEATH WILL AWAIT YOU.

A FULL-ON MEDICAL FICTION ONESHOT SET IN EDO IS HERE!

Note: Edo is the old name for Tokyo

江戸を舞台に本格医学活劇登場!!

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IS THIS MAN A GOD OR A DEMON?

X-TAI SHINSHO

Note: The alternate translation of the title is "Kaitai Shinsho", a book also known as "New Text on Anatomy."

X体新書

江ざわ
EZAWA

EDO
NIHON-BASHI
WAS ANOTHER PERSON KILLED?
YES...IT WAS TERRIBLE. ALL HIS INSIDES WERE MISSING.
PEOPLE ARE SAYING HE WAS CUT UP BY A WESTERN DOCTOR.
OH MY, EVEN EDO IS BECOMING DANGEROUS...
AH..THOSE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE OX WILL HAVE GREAT LUCK.. HOW FORTUNATE!

Note: The real Sugita Genpaku was born on October 20, 1733.

A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
OWW M-MY LEG..!!
SOMEONE'S INJURED? I GOT LUCKY RIGHT AWAY...
DAMN! IT WON'T STOP BLEEDING!
AH
HMM? IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY WOUND.
!!
H-HEY! WHO ARE YOU?!

I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL...
I'm off!
W-WAIT!
JUST GET ME A DOC-TOR, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO!
JEEZ...
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
ALRIGHT!!
WHA—?!

キラー
RIGHT, IT'S GOING TO BE A BOTHER,
BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HEAL YOU.
H-HEY... HEAL ME?! JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!!
DON'T WORRY.. IT'LL BE FIINE~
I'M JUST GONNA STITCH YOU UP A BIT.
WAIT... THIS IS JUST STITCH... WHAT EXACTLY?!!
THERE WE GO.
!!?
GYAAAA!
I'm going to die!
WHOOPS! OH NO... WELL, NEVER MIND!

THERE YOU GO. IT'S HEALED UP NOW, OLD MAN.
!!
AH!! THE WOUND WAS REALLY HEALED?!
HEY! YOU WERE USING INSTRUMENTS I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE... JUST WHO ARE...?
AH, YOU MEANT THESE, HUH?
I'M GENPAKU, AND I'VE STUDIED WESTERN MEDICINE.
I'M A WESTERN DOCTOR, YOU SEE

YOU DAMN BEAST!
YOU'RE A WESTERN DOCTOR?
H-HEY, HEY! I HEALED YOU, SO WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
HUH?!
HUH? SO WHAT IF I AM?
IT'S YOU! YOU MUST BE THE MURDEROUS WESTERN DOCTOR
WHO'S BEEN CUTTING PEOPLE UP IN THIS CITY!
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AH... HMM? THE PERSON WHO DIED THIS MORNING?
AH, NO. THAT WASN'T ME

GET OUT OF EDO RIGHT NOW!
HEY, HEY! YOU SEEM PRETTY LIVELY FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT HURT!
ANGER
SHUT UP, YOU FAKE!
スコーン
DON'T COME HERE AGAIN!
HMM...JUST WHO ARE YOU CALLING A FAKE, OLD MAN?
HOW ABOUT I CUT YOU UP RIGHT NOW?!

OWW...
THAT DAMNED OLD MAN THREW A POT AT ME
AWW— SHOOT!! MY PRECIOUS INSTRUMENTS ARE IN A MESS!!
Die, old man!
THAT WAS NO GOOD...

OTHERWISE I'M DEAD.

HEY, YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN FRONT OF THE DOCTOR'S CLINIC?
HUH?
CLINIC?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT?
THAT DOCTOR IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS SKILLS! I'M HERE TODAY TO SEE HIM TOO
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?
IN ONE SENSE,
I FEEL TERRIBLY UNWELL
IS THAT SO?! WAIT HERE!
I'LL GO AND CALL THE DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY!
GAH!
JUST WAIT A MINUTE!
WHA?!

YOU'RE A WESTERN DOCTOR...?
I'M A WESTERN DOCTOR.
I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR SICK PEOPLE...
HMM. UMM...
HEY, HEY, NOT THIS AGAIN! WHAT A PAIN!
WHA?!
Oh!! I CAN-NOT SPEAK JAPANESE
ARE YOU TRYING TO TRICK ME WITH THAT?!

WHOA!
THAT WAS DANGEROUS!
IT WAS A JOKE! I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE FUNNY!
SHUT UP! MOTHER DIED BECAUSE OF A WESTERN DOCTOR LIKE YOU!
?
MY MOTHER HAD AN INCURABLE ILLNESS
BUT SHE SAID A WESTERN DOCTOR COULD CURE HER
SO SHE WENT TO SEE HIM BY HERSELF...
BUT SHE NEVER GOT BETTER!
AND I FOUND HER ALL CUT UP INSTEAD!
A WESTERN DOCTOR...?
.....

YOU'RE JUST
A MURDERER!!
A MURDERER...
WELL THEN, KID...

DO YOU THINK THAT A DOCTOR IS
SOME GOD WHO CAN CURE EVERY ILLNESS?
WELL...!
UMM...
!!?

COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
HUH..?
WELL, WELL, KID!
ISN'T THAT YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE?
THIS IS ..?!

HEY.
ARE YOU..
HMM? IT'S QUITE NOISY OUT HERE.
WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU COME TO VISIT MY CLINIC?
YOU'LL DISTURB THE OTHER PATIENTS IF YOU'RE TOO NOISY, YOU KNOW
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?

I-I'M SORRY, SENSEI...
THIS IS NO GOOD! YOU'VE CAUGHT A COLD!
YOU NEED TO GET SOME REST!
SENSEI!
A COLD?
OH? I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE...
HEY SENSEI...
THAT KID DOESN'T HAVE A COLD BUT PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS, AN INCURABLE ILLNESS.
HUH...?!
AN INCURABLE ILLNESS...

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE,
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS FOR AMATEURS TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS.
I'M A DOCTOR!
.....
HAHA, YOU ARE? IT'S NOT GOOD TO LIE.
IT'S NOT GOOD TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS BASED ON APPEARANCES
I'M SORRY.
IN THIS ERA, JUST ABOUT ANYONE CAN CALL THEMSELVES A DOCTOR, SO I DIDN'T THINK
WELL, MY PATIENTS ARE WAITING,
SO PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
WESTERN SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS?!
AH, HEY!
WAIT, WAIT! HE REALLY DOES HAVE PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS, YOU KNOW?!

UGH!
I REALLY CAN SEE
AH... THAT DAMN GUY!
.....
TUBERCULOSIS
THE PULMONARY TURERCULOSIS.

ONLY ONE HOUR LEFT, HUH?
!!
THIS ISN'T GOOD...
I'VE GOT TO CURE SOME-ONE QUICKLY, WHETHER IT'S THAT KID OR NOT
A BLOOD-STAIN?!

!!?
NO WAY, IS THAT DOCTOR...
HEY, HEY
THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE CUT UP...

OTHER-WISE, MY PATIENT IS GOING TO BE CUT TO PIECES!
OH MAN, I'VE GOT TO HURRY UP AND SAVE THAT KID.
ダダダダダダ
AH, DAMN IT!
INSTEAD, I WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A CRIMINAL! AND I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME! SOME LUCKY DAY THIS IS!
I THOUGHT PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE OX WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE GREAT LUCK TODAY!?
AAAAAHHH!!! SERIOUSLY! I'M NOT GONNA BUY THAT NEWS-PAPER ANYMORE!

SO IT WAS REALLY YOU.
THE MURDEROUS WESTERN DOCTOR WHO'S BEEN COTTING UP PEOPLE IN THE CITY.
HEY...
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH, YOU FOUND ME OUT?
WELL, NEVER MIND.
HMPH.
THIS IS WHY FAKES LIKE YOU ARE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. DON'T COMPARE ME TO A MURDERER.
THESE EXPERIMENTS ARE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY!
A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT, YOU IDIOT!
I WAS CALLED A FAKE BECAUSE OF YOU!
APOLOGISE TO ME RIGHT NOW!
WELL, NOT THAT I'LL FORGIVE YOU ANYWAY, YOU MURDERER!

I SEE.
YOU'D GO AS FAR AS MURDERING PEOPLE THEN?
SOMETIMES, SACRIFICES ARE A NECESSARY PART OF MEDICINE.
WELL, NEVER MIND.
.... OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL REASON
WHATEVER, BUT I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I'M GOING TO CURE THIS KID
I ...
SNAP

DON'T INTERRUPT ME!!!
!!?
!!
WHA... THAT'S IM-POSSIBLE!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE YOU INTO ONE OF MY EXPERI-MENTS TOO!

AWW, DAMN IT! THAT HURT, MAN!
WHAT?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'M SURE I AIMED FOR YOUR HEART!
YOU REALLY HIT ME HARD!
!!?
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I MADE A CONTRACT WITH THIS BOOK
AS LONG AS THE TIMER DOESN'T REACH ZERO, I WON'T DIE
!!
IT CAN'T BE... YOU'RE...
HIS EYE?! AND THAT MEDICAL BOOK?!

HEHEHEH... I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU! THE DEMON DOCTOR!!
EHH..... SO THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE CALL ME?
THE DEMON DOCTOR GENPAKU SUGITA?!
A MEDICAL BOOK BROUGHT FROM THE WEST THAT CAN DETECT AND CURE ANY ILLNESS
"TAFEL ANATOMIE"
YOU'RE A MURDEROUS DOCTOR

Nota: Kaitai Shinsho is known in Japan as "Tafel Anatomie"

WHO SACRIFICED HIS FRIEND TO OBTAIN THAT DEMONIC POWER!
WHA .WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU, WHEN YOU'RE THE ONE CUTTING PEOPLE UP.
WELL, NOT THAT I DENY IT.

MY FRIEND ALSO SUFFERED FROM AN INCURABLE ILLNESS.

DAMN IT!
WHY... WHY DIDN'T IT WORK?!
WHAT HAVE I DONE WRONG?
WHY ISN'T HE GETTING BETTER?!
I WAS DESPERATE TO MAKE HIM GET BETTER.
AH... THE ONE THAT THE DUTCH BROUGHT OVER?
I HEARD THAT IT'S AT HAGASAKIYA!
A DEMONIC MEDICAL BOOK?
YES, THERE'S A RUMOUR IT CAN CURE ANY ILLNESS
I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE
AND SO, I...

I STOLE IT WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHAT IT WAS.

HOWEVER...

IT TURNED OUT TO BE A "DEMONIC MEDICAL BOOK" THAT TOOK MY FRIEND'S LIFE...
WAAAAH!
HUFF
HUFF
I...
I KILLED HIM!
IF YOU DON'T CURE SOMEONE FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS,
I SHALL TAKE YOUR SOUL.
I'VE TAKEN HIS SOUL. IN EXCHANGE, I'LL GIVE YOU THE ABILITY TO CURE ANY ILLNESS.
HOWEVER...
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ABILITY TO CURE ANY ILLNESS.

HA HA HA!
HOW INTEREST-ING! SO THAT RUMOUR WAS TRUE THEN!
HEHE AREN'T YOU JUST LIKE ME THEN?
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN FORCES WITH ME? HOW ABOUT IT?
キバッ!!
IT'S OKAY, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
WHA..!
TUBERCULOSIS
HE BROKE THROUGH THE CHAINS..
WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?!
!!
NO! THAT KID HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY THE ILLNESS!
RUMBLE
I WANT TO SPREAD THE IN-FECTION...
INFECT... INFECT... INFECTION...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

TUBERCULOSIS
!!!
!!
JUST ONE HIT WAS ABLE TO INFECT HIM THAT MUCH!
CREEP
CREEP
UH OH!

AH, DAMN! I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
GAH!
IF I DON'T CURE HIM QUICKLY, I'M GOING TO DIE TOO!

!!?
WITH THIS DEMON HAND!
SORRY, BUT I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME
I'VE GOT TO CURE THAT PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS RIGHT AWAY!
WHA... WHAT...

RUMBLE
HOLD STILL AND LET ME INFECT YOU!
RUMBLE
LIKE HELL YOU ARE! YOU'RE IN MY WAY!
RUMBLE
!!!
...HURTS
!!
RUMBLE
LET ME INFECT YOU!
SOMEONE HELP ME...!!!
RUMBLE
IT HURTS...
IT HURTS!!!

DRIP
DRIP
DAMN IT!
YEAH, YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME TO CURE YOU.
THAT'S IM- POSSIBLE!
MUMBLE
INFECTION COMPLETE!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MOVE...
MUMBLE
THIS IS NOTHING
COMPARED TO THE PAIN MY FRIEND AND THAT KID FELT.
S-STOP!
LET ME GO!
I...

I'M A DOCTOR.
I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE DIE!
GAH
RUMBLE
Y-YOU... WHAT.... ARE YOU...
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!!
RUMBLE
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME TOGETHER WITH THIS KID?
I'VE GOT TO CURE THAT TUBERCULOSIS NEXT...
RUMBLE
S-STOP!
STOP IT!
RUMBLE

GAAAAAH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

AAAAAAAH!!
BE GOOD AND GET INSIDE THE BOOK!
TREATMENT
COMPLETE!

BLINK
OH... MY THROAT... IT DOESN'T HURT!!!
N-NO WAY... DID HE CURE ME?!
YOU CURED MY TUBERCULOSIS, DIDN'T YOU?!
WHO ON EARTH COULD CURE AN INCURABLE ILLNESS?! ARE YOU THE "DIVINE DOCTOR"...?
OWW! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BUT MY TUBERCULOSIS...
YOU'RE CALLING A POWER THAT REQUIRED THE SACRIFICE OF SOMEONE'S LIFE DIVINE?

YOU IDIOT. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A "DIVINE DOCTOR".
WELL THEN...
I SUPPOSE I'LL GO AND CURE SOME SICK PEOPLE, SHALL I?
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR OPINION!
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